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Well suited for CIA

DRESIDENT CARTER has paid Admiral Stansfield Turner, his nominee to be director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the highest possible compliment for a military person. The President said that Turner "in the future could be another George Marshall."

We hope Carter's estimate is not extravagant. Marshall was a public servant of enormous stature as Army chief of staff in World War II and as secretary of defense and secretary of state.

Turner has an impressive record that at this stage indicates Senate confirmation. Directorship of the CIA is one the most demanding jobs in Washington. His performance there will give us a pointer as to whether he has the potential to fill George Marshall's shoes.